

REMARKS

In the Office Action, claims 1-46 were rejected. By the present Response, claims 1, 14, 24, 32, 40 and 43 are amended. Upon entry of the amendments, claims 1-46 will remain pending in the present patent application. Reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims are requested.

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the telephonic interview held on July 29, 2003. In the interview, the prior art of record was discussed along with the pending claims. Specifically, the recitations in the claims relating to the generation and the display of a representation having components in their relative physical position in a system were discussed. The prior art of record, particularly the Richardson reference was discussed in view of these recitations. It was believed that the representation of the physical positioning of the components as recited in the claims would distinguish the claims over Richardson wherein iconic views are displayed, but without physical anchoring of the iconic representations with respect with one another in a system. No specific agreement, however, was reached as to the allowable claim language.

The pending claims were rejected in the Office Action as being anticipated by Richardson under 35 U.S.C. §102(e). In view of the recitations contained in the claims, and in view of the amendments made by the present filing, it is believed that the claims adequately distinguish the recited invention over the Richardson teachings, particularly in view of the failure of Richardson to represent a physical view of the disposition of components of a system with respect to one another. Accordingly, the claims are believed to be allowable over Richardson, and their reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

In view of the remarks and amendments set forth above, Applicants respectfully request allowance of the pending claims. If the Examiner believes that a

telephonic interview will help speed this application toward issuance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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